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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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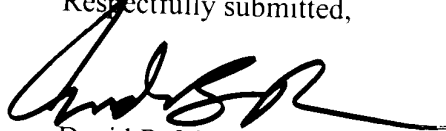
Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Restriction Requirement be extended 1 month from July 17, 2002 to August 17, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 201477. However, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16516.075.

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